

REMARKS

This communication is a full and timely response to the Office Action dated September 2, 2009. Claims 17-28 and 37-42 remain pending, where claims 1-16 and 29-36 were previously canceled. By this communication, claims 37 and 38 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer to the underlying subject matter, and claims 17, 18, 39, 40, and 42 are amended.

Applicants' appreciate the indication that claims 37-42 recite allowable subject matter.

In numbered paragraph 3 on page 2 of the Office Action, claims 17-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as alleged being unpatentable over *Molyneux-Berry* (EP 0851238 A2) in view of *Rees et al* (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0046689). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. However, in an effort to expedite prosecution, claim 17 is amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter recited in claim 38 including intermediate claim 37. As a result, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Based on the foregoing amendment and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 17-28 and 39-42 are allowable and this application is in condition for allowance. In the event any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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